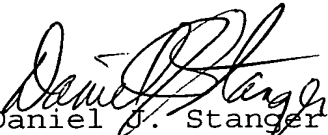


REMARKS

The Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendments and new claims.

Claims 7-13 are pending.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

9. (Amended) A treating apparatus as defined in claim 7 [or 8], wherein an alkali solution is added to said radioactive liquid waste.

10. (Amended) A treating apparatus as defined in [any one of claims 7 to 9] claim 7, further comprising a means for removing a solid component contained in said radioactive liquid waste in which said organic substance is decomposed.